

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
May 12, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 6:38 PM, Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado by Earl Richmond. Present members were Earl Richmond, Eric Gibb, Luke Urbine, Steve Plumb, Haley Rollins. Also present were Town Engineer Rachel Friedman, Town Administrator Sue Boyd and Recreation Director Erin Reavis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion #1 by Eric Gibb, seconded by Steve Plumb to approve minutes from April 13 meeting as presented.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Agenda was amended to add Lois Walton with the Central Colorado Performing Arts Center. Eric Gibb moved to accept the agenda as amended, Steve Plumb seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Lois Walton with the Colorado Center for Performing Arts Group discussed the status of the land and organization. The parcel is approximately 3.8 acres and is located on the old dump site area east of the Community Center. There is a public easement running through the area for Fishing is Fun. The lease is for 40 years and specifies the group must do something with the property within 10 years (from 2003). Their committee has discussed the possibility of other locations for an amphitheater or performing center. Rachel Friedman said the cost for a soil test would be approximately \$5,000 and Lois Walton said the performing arts committee offered to pay for half. Lois also mentioned grants are available and need to be applied for but should be represented on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Map to help with grants. The Board discussed other recreational options that could possibly work on that land. The group discussed the possibility of working together on a trade of land.

Mike Brown spoke about the idea of developing a tourist train that would run from Buena Vista through Brown's Canyon to Salida. Mike said that he is looking for community support before he presents to Union Pacific and is asking the Board for such support. He would also like someone to sit on the board for this Train group and the Rec Board offered a few names of community people. Mike continued to explain that the train could have a station in town, could have a car for recreation items such as rafts and bikes, and can be a family adventure. The Board discussed Rails to Trails, public security and time frame. Mike stated that he is meeting with Salida in June and would like to have something more concrete by next year.

Brent Jewell with Buena Vista Youth Soccer Association spoke about the youth soccer season, about 180 kids played soccer this spring season. The need for additional field space is growing. BVYSA has suggested some desirable locations to create roughly the same area as the existing soccer field. Eric Gibb mentioned that Salida had gone private to construct their field, Brent expressed the desire to still be under the Town of BV. The group discussed the opportunities more field space could bring, great for tourists coming to our community, looking at what Leadville is currently doing with recreation. A new field will be included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Public Input Meeting – The goal for the next meeting is to have a document with a map of the city with locations for the ideas from the previous public input meeting. All public input will be put onto unranked lists for maintenance and small upgrades, short and long term plans. Disc golf-22 votes, skate park-14 votes, pump track-35 votes, open paddling at McPhelemy Park-15 votes, plaza at McPhelemy Park-22 votes, playground-11 votes, dog park-22 votes, Forest Square Park-5 votes, remote control plane airstrip-7 votes, rodeo ground improvements 60 votes, recreation center-50 votes, shaded tables at Columbine Park, soccer field, baseball

field, performing arts center. Next input meeting set for June 1 at the Community Center. Information received and budget advice will then be put into packets for the Board of Trustees meeting on July 13.

Bike to Work Day – LiveWell Chaffee County would like volunteers for the Bike to Work Day. Lisa Malde asked Erin to spread word on need.

LiveWell Involvement – LiveWell Chaffee County has grant money and would like some involvement with Buena Vista. Earl suggested this could be a great opportunity for the Rec Advisory Board to team up with LiveWell on some of existing ideas to get funding.

ADJOURNMENT

Earl Richmond adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Earl Richmond, Chair

Erin Reavis, Secretary